Bandh call given by militant organisations in States

†918. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the incidents of bandh call given out frequently by militant organisations in many States including Jharkhand;

(b) whether Government is also aware that due to this bandh call, road and rail traffic as well as normal life get disrupted badly;

(c) whether any report has been received from the State Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether the Central Government intends to take any action in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) Government is aware of calls for 'bandhs' given by militant organisations and of the impact of such 'bandhs' on normal life and road and rail traffic. Law and order being a State subject, the concenerd State Governments take necessary action in dealing with law and order problems in the respective States. State Governments also send periodic reports on the law and order situation. Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.

Cyber terrorism through computers

†919. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cyber terrorism through computers has reached a serious situation in the world;

(b) whether US Air Force has constituted a "Cyber Space Command" to have a control on it;

(c) whether Government is formulating any plan or *modus operandi* to tackle cyber terrorism in the country; and

(d) if so, the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Terrorism is now a global phenomenon. As per available information, terrorist groups are becoming increasingly techno-savy in pursuing their nefarious agenda.

(b) As per available information, the US Air Force has announced the formation of a Cyber Space Command to protect its Networks.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken the following steps to tackle cyber crimes/terrorism in the country:—

(i) The Information Technology Act, 2000 provides a legal framework to prevent cyber crimes. Further, a Bill has been introduced in Lok Sabha on 15.12.2006 to amend the Information Technology Act, 2000. The amendmnets provide for insertion or new legal provisions to address computer crimes like, phishing, spaming, online frauds, identity thefts and video voyeurism. The provisions also provide for data protection.

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(ii) Government has set up Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) to provide reactive and proactive support to the cyber incidents in the country. Security guidelines have also been prepared and provided to users for protecting computers infrastructure. CERT-In is monitoring cyber space in the country. It also liaisons with the similar agencies worldwide and cyber users in the country be it Government, public or private and issues alerts, advisories and vulnerability notes. These advisories are also published on website of CERT-In *"www.cert-in.org.in"*. CERT-In also interacts with cyber users in the country to mitigate such incidents.

Increase in naxalite and maoist incidents

†920. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalite and maoist incidents are increasing in the country;

(b) the State-wise number of incidents which occurred during last three years *i.e.* 2005, 2006 and 2007 and the number of police personnel, citizens and naxalities injured in these incidents;

(c) the measures being taken to stop naxalite and maoist incidents and to generate a sense of security among people; and

(d) whether additional police force is being appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per information available, the State-wise number of incidents of naxalite violence in the last 3 years is given in the Statement (*See* below).

The concerned State Governments undertake necessary action in respect of naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by various measures, which include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State police forces, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions to the States, assistance for strengthening of the State police and intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works. The State Governments have also been requested to expeditiously fill up existing vacancies in the State police forces and raise the sanctioned India Reserve battalions, as also to optimally utilise the Central paramilitary forces that have been made available for anti-naxalite duties.

Statement

State-wise number of incidents of naxalite violence

State	2005	2006	2007 (upto 31.10 2007)
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	535	183	110
Bihar	186	107	111
Chhattisgarh	385	715	496
Jharkhand	312	310	377
Madhya Pradesh	20	6	8
Maharashtra	94	98	80
Orissa	42	44	63

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